

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I have already called our local station owned by Sinclair to express my concern about this clearly biased programming, and the local affiliate expressed their wish not to broadcast it either. They say that they have been forced to broadcast it by Sinclair at the risk of losing their jobs.

Sinclair claims that this program is a news program, but it is a clearly political piece that will be broadcast with no commercials and with no equivalent uninterrupted primetime opportunity for the other side to respond. Sinclair has repeatedly shown their allegiance to the republican party, against the supposed fairness of use of the public airwaves. They are more interested in supporting their political party than in supporting the democratic process.

Please consider revoking Sinclair's license to our public airwaves or forcing them to conform to the fairness that the public deserves. Their policies illustrate the dangers of large companies owning substantial portions of the television market.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

Best,
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